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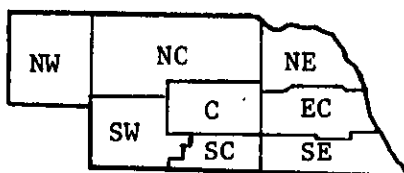
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WEATHER

Temperatures were above normal the first and last parts of the period and below normal the mid-portion. Precipitation was mostly snow in the north and west portions and rain changing to snow southeast.

GENERAL

Fall harvest was brought to a standstill when snow and rain covered most of the State Tuesday and Wednesday. Harvesting activity resumed later in the week in most areas except in eastern counties. Snow, rain and high winds caused increased losses in corn, sorghum and soybeans that were still standing. Lack of new crop storage is still causing problems in some areas.

Topsoil moisture supplies improved this past week and are now short in 18% of the counties reporting, adequate in 48% and surplus in the remaining 34%. Subsoil moisture is rated short in 11%, adequate in 82%, and surplus in 7%. A year ago, topsoil supplies were short in 96% of the counties and subsoil was short in 97%.

CROPS

Wet fields have delayed row crop harvest and the ground will need to freeze before some fields can be harvested. Snow and high winds caused increased losses in

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most fields. Some areas indicate rather severe losses while other areas indicate damage so far is light. Damage may be more extensive on sorghum and soybean fields.

Corn harvest is now nearly 85% completed, behind last year's pace when 95% was harvested. Normally, 80% is harvested by this date. Harvest advanced in all areas except east central and northeast.

Grain sorghum harvest is 90% complete, normal for the date but behind last year when harvest was finished.

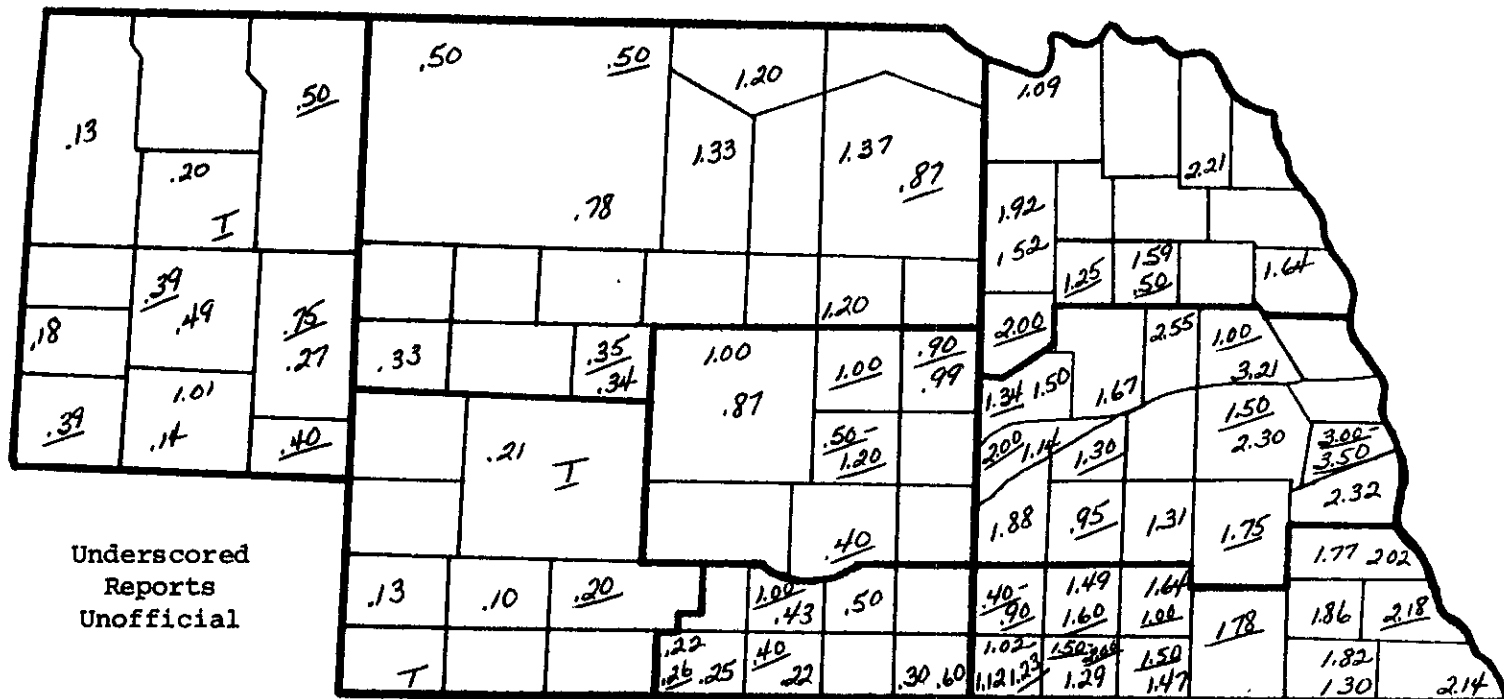
Soybean harvest is nearly 90% completed, behind last year's completed status and slightly behind the 95% normal for the date.

Winter wheat condition is rated at fair in 22% of the counties, good in 70%, and excellent in 8%. A year ago, under much drier soil conditions, the crop was rated as 8% poor, 59% fair, 27% good, and 6% excellent.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle continue to graze stalk fields. Some supplemental feeding was required because of the midweek snow cover on fields but warmer temperatures have opened grazing again. Feed supplies are adequate for the winter.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1977

| Station | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Total Inches ^{1/} |
| | | Max | Min | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 63 | 11 | 38 | -- | -- |
| | Scottsbluff | 67 | 16 | 41 | +3 | .39 |
| | Sidney | 63 | 14 | 38 | -- | .43 |
| NC | Burwell | 66 | 18 | 41 | -- | 1.20 |
| | Valentine | 65 | 9 | 36 | -1 | .50 |
| NE | Norfolk | 61 | 17 | 36 | -3 | 1.40 |
| | Sioux City | 61 | 15 | 37 | -2 | 1.78 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 63 | 23 | 41 | 0 | 1.04 |
| EC | Lincoln | 61 | 22 | 39 | -3 | 1.93 |
| | Omaha | 60 | 22 | 39 | -2 | 1.55 |
| SW | Imperial | 67 | 17 | 39 | -- | .13 |
| | North Platte | 67 | 10 | 39 | +1 | .25 |

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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